

SHOT BY HIS FRIEND

Dow Draper Fouly Murdered by George S. Conger

WHO KILLS HIMSELF INSTANTLY

Mrs. Conger Says They Had Not Lived Happy and Thinks He Intended to Shoot Her.

CHERRY, Mich., Nov. 25.—George S. Conger, a farmer about 25 years of age, shot and killed Dow Draper last night and then committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. The Congers gave a sad party last night. Conger himself made out the invitations and there is no reason to believe that he was anything but a cheerful man during the day and was still under the influence of liquor during the evening. After the party was over, Conger went out of the house to the workshop near by. Then he came back to the side door of the kitchen and began to call for someone inside. Finally Dow Draper came to the door. Conger raised a shotgun and fired, the bullet striking Draper over the heart. Draper exclaimed: "My God, I am shot!" and fell dead. The murderer did not wait to look at the prostrate man, but returned to the workshop, where he shot himself in the temple, using an old navy revolver. He died instantly. The second crime was committed within two minutes of the first. Mrs. Conger, who is only 25 years of age, said that their married life had not been a happy one and she thought the shot was intended for her. She says Draper was her husband's best friend.

UNITED STATES TAKES A HAND.

An Investigation Ordered Into Albany-Philadelphia Disaster.

PHILADELPHIA, Mich., Nov. 25.—The local board of steamboat inspectors is quietly making a thorough investigation of the collision between the Albany and the Philadelphia, by which twenty-four lives were lost and both steamers sunk three weeks ago. The investigation is in accordance with the following order from Gen. James A. Dumont, supervising inspector general of steam vessels bearing date of Washington, November 3, to C. H. Westcott, supervising inspector of the Eighth district of Detroit: "You will please direct the local board of inspectors in your district to investigate so far as possible and report upon the various recent disasters to steamships on the lakes occurring in their several districts."

Billings on Railway Wrecks.

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 25.—The railroad commissioner has issued a special report on the four recent railroad wrecks. He cites the well-known facts. The Bellevue accident was caused by the fog, but might have been averted by the use of the positive block system; the Jackson horror was caused by the failure of the air brakes; the Battle Creek collision was due to disobedience of orders; the Hamburg holocaust, whereby three men lost their lives, was caused by the placing of oil cars next to the engine, contrary to orders.

Two More Bodies Recovered.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 25.—Two more bodies and a portion of a third were recovered from the ruins of the Edison, Moore & Co. fire this morning, only one of which, that of Edward Viot, was identified. The other body is believed to be Edward Genthner. There is no possibility of identifying the fragments of the third. The remains found yesterday are almost certain to be finally identified as those of Patrick Markey. One body is still to be unearthed. A large force of men is working day and night.

Foot Ball Game Is Off.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Nov. 25.—The game between the second U. of M. eleven and the D. A. C.'s in Detroit on Thanksgiving day has been declared off, and instead, the game at Chicago will be the main attraction. Had there been a game at Detroit, it was supposed to turn a student's excursion to that place, but now the students will go to Chicago to witness the game between the U. of M. and U. of C. eleven, as an excursion to that place has been arranged for.

Charged With Murderous Assault.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Nov. 25.—J. Wesley Robinson, colored, was lodged in jail this morning in default of a \$2,000 bond to wait trial for a murderous assault committed a year ago on his uncle, David Taylor. He tried twice with a revolver and missed, then fired several rocks by hand, one of which broke his victim's arm. He fled the city and was arrested in Chicago a few days ago.

Michigan Corporations.

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 25.—The following corporations have filed articles of association with the secretary of state during the past week: American Press Association of Michigan, Detroit, \$10,000; Lansing Traction Co., Lansing, \$12,000; Detroit Bridge & Iron Works, Detroit, \$300,000; C. E. Roraback & Co., Wolverine, \$10,000; Detroit Time Register Co., Detroit, \$50,000; Saginaw Light Infantry Co., Saginaw.

Jumped His Board Bill.

SAGINAW, Mich., Nov. 25.—A man who claims to be "George S. Thompson, of Chicago & Co., Inc., lawyers, Nipissing, Ontario," was arrested yesterday for jumping his board bill at the Everett house. He says he has no money but expects some. His actions lead the police to think he is a drift.

Michigan Penitents.

Additional—Frederick Cook, Leland, Increase—Henry Matthews, Leland, Original, widower, etc.—Emily H. Warner, Milan; minor of William J. Howe, Farmington, Mich.; Fred, Leland, Indian war widow—Cynthia M. Tilton, Tecumseh; Elizabeth H. Benson, Niles.

Killed by the Cars.

BENSON, Mich., Nov. 25.—Daniel R. Nelson of Elkhart, Indiana, was killed by the Lake Shore near this place. He tried to step from a caboose on to a flat car, slipped and fell under the wheels.

Michigan Postmortems.

Frank J. Lyspans, Michiganans; Albert A. Jahnke, North Star; Frank T. Gilbert, Woodbury; Harry J. Baker, Coats Grove; Samuel W. Dennis, Mandy; Henry Van Houten, Woodburn.

Lansing Banking Company Burned.

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 25.—The Lansing Manufacturing and United States Banking company in this city was destroyed by fire tonight. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$10,000.

Neither Team Won.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 25.—The football game of the Cleveland Athletic

club and Detroit Athletic club played a tie game on the latter's grounds here this afternoon, neither team scoring. The weather was clear but cold.

He Denies the Charge.

SAGINAW, Mich., Nov. 25.—Herman Zira, charged by Clara King with being the father of her unborn babe, has been bound over to the circuit court, the defendant furnishing bail in the sum of \$500 for his appearance. He claims he is innocent.

Holland Route Pailed Off.

HOLLAND, Mich., Nov. 25.—Navigation is closed here, as Black lake is frozen over. The schooner Island City is stuck in here, while the Holland fleet is all out except the K. Kapter, which has been laid up.

Supreme Court Cases.

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 25.—Call for December of the supreme court is set down as follows: Nos. 12, 178, 174, 180, 181, 183, 184, 185, 186, 188, 189. Court will meet next Tuesday to lay opinions only.

KLEPTOMANIA.

A Physician Who Was Consulted on This Subject to His Server.

Steadily, the classic haunt of brigandage, seems ambitious of showing that highway robbery does not quite exhaust her methods of breaking the eighth commandment, says the London Lancet. Some days ago, in Palermo, a well-dressed, pleasant-mannered young man was ushered into the presence of one of the leading alienists and proceeded, on painfully matter-of-fact lines, to state the object of his visit. His dear wife had during the few months since their marriage developed the most distressing, most incorrigible habit of kleptomania. Not only in public shops and private visits, but even in her own house, she could not keep her hands off other people's property, which, however, on coming to her real self some hours afterward, she invariably returned to their owners. Medical treatment had hitherto failed to wean her from the habit, and in his despair he bethought him of the Palermitan expert, whose success in such cases had come to his knowledge. The consultant, having put a few questions which were intelligently answered, expressed his willingness to take the young lady in hand, and appointed an hour the following day when her husband was to bring her to him.

Time to time the pair arrived, and the lady had hardly been introduced to the consultant when her beauty and frank, engaging manner imparted a quite peculiar interest to her case. During the interview she conducted herself like a high-bred woman of the world, except for the unfortunate failing she labored under of pocketing articles of value when she thought she was unobserved. Among these the vigilant eye of the consultant missed a photograph framed in brilliant (the gift of a petrician patient), and also a beautifully modeled statuette of pure gold. He also remarked that just at the moment of bidding him good day she relieved him in the quickest and most graceful manner possible of a valuable cravat pin, which became "secreted about her person" with the suddenness of magic. "You see yourself," groaned the afflicted husband in an aside to the consultant, "how possessed she is with the thieving instinct. Oh, my poor, unfortunate wife! I will bring you back all the missing articles tomorrow at any hour you may appoint, when you will kindly give me your opinion of the case and advise me what to do." Tomorrow came and with it the appointed hour, and the consultant waited and is still waiting for the "well-dressed, pleasant-mannered young man" and his stolen goods. He was as cleverly swindled as Gil Blas was by Don Raphael and Camilla, "niece of the governor of the Spanish colonies in the Philippine Islands."

HE TRIED FARMING.

Now a Novelist Spoiled Himself for His Regular Profession.

The novelist had thought that at the end of the year he would make the farmer a present of his labor, but he had thrown himself with so much zeal into this hired-man condition that now he wanted every cent due him. How well had his imagination played its part. The farmer hemmed and hawed at a price and Bill grumbled at it, but finally they struck an agreement, and off Bill marched with his earnings in the pocket of his jeans trousers. When he reached the city he dressed himself in his former apparel and went to the club to see his friends, writes Ople P. Read in Fetter's Southern Magazine. They were glad that he had returned from abroad; hoped that his voyage had been pleasant; were sure that he had brought back great material; would anxiously await the coming of his next book.

He sat in his library musing. Tomorrow he would begin "The History of the Hired Man." The scenes were all mapped out. There were pictures photographed on the spot, lanes in which he knew every turn. What rustic love he could pour into this work! What rude passion, jealousy, brooding heartbreakings! Suddenly it occurred to him that he had not enjoyed his luncheon at the club. His mind ran on boiled dinners, hog fat. He smiled at this. Ah, he could write from the very cravings, the soul, of the hired man.

The next morning he awoke early and hunched out of bed to feed the cattle. Then he bethought himself that he was in his own house, amid work of art, surrounded by books. He lay down again, but he could not sleep. He was hungry. He looked at his watch. Six o'clock. He went out to get something to eat. The restaurants were not open. He ate cold beef and cold cabbage in an all-night "joint." He went back to his room and took down a book that had fancy flying. It was dull. "By the gods," he exclaimed, "I am so much of a hired man that I don't want to read. But I can work. I will begin my book."

He sat down with pen in hand, but no thought came. His hand was heavy; his thoughts were among the clouds, held down by New England boiled dinners. He struggled in vain. His literary work was done. He was a hired man and his genius was gone.

HAPPY MARRIED WOMEN.

The Caliph of Bagdad Makes Trouble for His Second Wife.

One morning the talented and efficient caliph of Bagdad awoke in a hotel and as he lay on his back, he thought of his wife. He was a married man and his genius was gone.

who is trying to write with a stylographic pen, says Texas Siftings. He telegraphed immediately for Abdullah, his grand vizier, who came running with his tongue hanging out.

"Last night," said the caliph, "I had a dream to the effect that all the married women in Bagdad threw themselves on their knees before me and bewailed their condition. You are responsible for the welfare of my subjects, and I want this thing stopped, and by the beard of the prophet if you don't put a stop to it I'll put a period to your existence."

"Humbly," replied Abdullah, "There is not one married woman in Bagdad who would swap places with any unmarried woman. They are all chronic kickers, but, nevertheless, there are some who are happy."

"Well, you find one and bring her here before the first of next month or off goes your head under the civil-service-reform rule."

Abdullah supposed that in unearthing a happy married woman he had the hardest job in town, whereas it was harder than tracing a lost umbrella.

The first call he made was on the caliph's own wife. He supposed that she could not help being happy, but he was surprised when he found that she was the most miserable of her sex; that for a long time she had been captivated by the entire bakery and some of the adjoining buildings. She had discovered in her husband's pistol pocket a letter addressed to him and signed: "Your loving wooer-to-be, Fatima."

We have no space to record Abdullah's failure to find a happy married woman in Bagdad. He finally said to his own wife, where he thought he had a sure thing: "Emmy, I suppose you are a happy woman, are you not?"

"I might be happy if I only had a husband who would supply me with a few decent clothes to wear. This is the third fall I've worn the same bonnet. Verily, Abdullah, you are no good," replied his loving wife.

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"Impossible! I've asked them all. Who is this happy woman?" asked Abdullah.

"Your own wife. She told me that she was always happy when you were out of town."

THE SHOPPING WOMAN.

Difficulties of a Man Who Comes Across Her Path.

When a woman goes shopping, with a parcel in one hand and the other firmly clutching her purse and a bargain-counter advertisement cut from the morning's paper it is useless for the man who encounters her to try and enforce the rule of the road, which teaches him to turn to the right. He may, remarks a writer in the New York Press, turn to the right if he wants to but if by turning to the right he threatens to pass between the woman and an attractive window in which goods are being ostentatiously slaughtered for a terrific sacrifice he will have to shy to the left again. For she isn't going to be cheated out of a close view of that window for any man; and even if there is a rule of the road for the men it ought not to apply to women. Gallantry ought to teach a man that. So the man, avowing internally, dodges to his own left to avoid an awkward collision. In so doing he is lucky if he does not collide with a second woman who is trying to walk northward and look westward at the same time. Walking northward or rather thinking you are walking northward, while you are looking westward, usually has the effect of making you actually walk northward. So the second woman, by looking westward at No. 1's hat, bumps northwesterly right into the inoffensive man. Of course there is a glance at him which turns his blood into a tree of red ice within him. It is something of a trial to walk the ways of a shopping woman while she is walking them, but a man is sometimes ungrateful enough to draw consolation from the fact that if the shopping woman tries him he is something of a trial to her in turn.

The Cardinal's Hat.

Few men receive the cardinal's hat until late in life. This is demonstrated by the fact that not fewer than ninety-two cardinals have died during the pontificate of Leo XIII. The college of cardinals numbered but sixty-three at the last conclave. Of this number thirty-four were Italians and twenty-nine of other nationalities, divided as follows: Seven Frenchmen, five Austrians, five Germans, four Spaniards, two Portuguese, one Englishman, one Irishman, one Belgian and one Austrian. There were two Americans, one of whom, McCloskey, has since died.

Bound to Be Grammatical.

Justice of the Peace—Had you ever saw this man before?

Witness—Yes.

"Had he come before you had went?"

"No."

"Is them your eggs what you say was stole?"

"Yes."

"Would you have recognized them if you had seen them before they was brought here?"

"Yes, I would have known them."

"Speak grammatic, young man. It ain't proper to say 'have knowed.' You should say 'have known.'"

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